e-District Project

Uttar Pradesh

e-District pilot project in six districts of Uttar Pradesh (Rae Bareli, Sitapur, Gorakhpur, Sultanpur, Gautam Budha Nagar & Ghaziabad) has been approved at the total outlay of Rs. 1891.84 lakhs. CeG is the State Designated Agency (SDA) for implementation of the project.

Bihar

e-District pilot project in 4 districts of Bihar has been approved of the total cost of Rs 11.48 crore for Nalanda, Madhubani, Aurangabad and at an outlay of Rs.274.32 lakhs for Gaya district.

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (BSEDC Ltd) is the State Designated Agency (SDA) for implementation of the project.

Security audit of BSNL's network

3094. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued instructions to BSNL to conduct security audit of its network in view of concern over equipment supplied by Chinese vendor Huawei some months ago;

(b) if so, whether the task of security audit has since been completed by BSNL and presented report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof/and further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, Department of Telecommunications had issued guidelines to BSNL in view of security concerns connected with BSNL's tenders for expansion of mobile services (2G and 3G) in various zones of the country. As per the guidelines BSNL has to undertake extensive security audit before operationalisation of all new systems, irrespective of origin of manufacturing. BSNL's tenders for expansion of mobile services (2G and 3G) in various zones have not materialized so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telephone services in rural areas

†3095. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.